

Regional Consultant, East Tennessee**Division of Communicable and Environmental Diseases Emergency****Who we are and how we impact Tennessee:**

TDH incorporates our values into the work we do each day to achieve our mission, live our vision, and address our two strategic priorities of prevention and access.

Mission:

Protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

Vision:

- Healthy People
- Healthy Communities
- Healthy Tennessee

Our Values:

- Collaboration
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Respect

Strategic Priorities:**Prevention:**

- Support Local Leadership
- Decrease Youth Obesity
- Decrease Tobacco Use
- Decrease Substance Misuse
- Prevent and Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences

Access:

- Optimize Internal Clinical Efficiency
- Improve External Primary Care Access
- Leverage Innovation
- Expand Partnerships

TN State Careers**Job Overview:**

This is an executive service position which serves as Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program consultant to the Northeast, East, Knox, Sullivan, and Southeast regions of the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH). The Regional Consultant will serve as the primary point of contact, and source for programmatic technical assistance between the TDH Central Office and assigned public health regions. This position is located in the Division of Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness' (CEDEP), HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis Program, housed at the East Regional Office located in Knoxville, TN. CEDEP includes a large and diverse group of epidemiologists, subject matter experts, and support services who work in a wide range of programs.

Salary Range: \$4,326.00- \$7,787.00

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as the STD Program Consultant to the East Tennessee Regions of the TDH.
- Requires regular travel within the region, and statewide as directed (at least 25% of the time).
- The primary function of this position is to serve as liaison and provide technical assistance and guidance to the Regional Director, Health Officer, Communicable Disease Supervisor, and STD Program Supervisors working in the East Tennessee Regions.
- Serves as the contact liaison between the TDH Central Office and the East Tennessee Regions.
- Competently demonstrate methods, procedures, and techniques for effective STD counseling, interviewing, field investigation, and STD case management to improve knowledge, skills, abilities, and capacity of regional staff.
- Conduct STD Program assessments in the East Tennessee Regions.
- Provide consultation on programmatic Patient Reporting Investigating Surveillance and National Electronic Disease Surveillance Base System issues on individual cases, situations, and/or circumstances to regional staff.
- Monitor Center for Disease Control (CDC) STD Cooperative Agreement outcome data, which is documented in the STD surveillance database.
- Identify current knowledge, skills, and abilities (education or practice) directed at improving HIV/STD program performance.
- Develop or secure training to meet identified needs, and coordinate delivery of training with regional supervisors/managers.
- Participate on committees, internal and external planning bodies, and outreach events as assigned.
- Participate in and provide leadership to Disease Intervention Specialists during a STD/HIV/Viral Hepatitis outbreak as assigned.
- Participate in user acceptance testing of PRISM/NBS updates.
- Assist in developing program grant objectives

Minimum Qualifications:

- Successful completion of CDC Passport to Partner Services, or an earlier iteration.
- Experience of five or more years of full-time, increasingly responsible Disease Intervention Specialist work, including a minimum of two years of supervisory work.
- Strong oral and written communication skills, team building, decision making, leadership, and computer skills.
- Experience working effectively with diverse groups (e.g. governmental agencies and officials, professional organizations, and the public).

- Thorough familiarity with STD Prevention Services.
- Willingness to travel extensively throughout Tennessee.

Education Requirements:

Bachelor's Degree or higher from an accredited college or university. A transcript evaluation is required for degrees earned outside of the United States. Candidates must be eligible to work in the U.S.

To apply:

A complete resume, including all previous employment, salary history, and education must be submitted to the attention of: Donna Teasley at Donna.Teasley@tn.gov, or to her attention at the TN Department of Health, Office of Human Resources and Talent Management, Andrew Johnson Tower 5th Floor, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243. Please reference STD DIS 4 in your submission.

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy, the State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status or any other category protected by state and/or federal civil rights laws.